

**Neighborhood** South Lake Union  
**Implementor** Parks and Recreation  
**Matrix** POS 02

**Activity** *Allow the western half of park uplands to remain primarily unprogrammed open space and the eastern half to be occupied by Maritime Heritage Museum activities.*

POS 02: 1 of 1 **Sub-Activity** Use Pro Parks funds to construct improvements at South Lake Union Park per the approved Master Plan.

**Sub-Act** Updated June 2005, but no additional comments were added.  
**Comment(s)**

Jason Wachs  
08/16/05

2004 Priority Summary: The plan consists of a complete overhaul of this 11-acre park. The plan for the park is estimated to cost considerably more than the ProParks money set aside. The Seattle Parks Foundation has committed to raising the necessary construction funds. South Lake Union Park Designs are complete and will be presented to the public on November 16, 04.

Dena Gazin  
11/01/04

The plan consists of a complete overhaul of this 11-acre park. The west side of Waterway 3 contains United Indians of All Tribes complex, including Native American Carving shed and long house, as well as canoe and personal watercraft launch area. The main peninsula will contain a grove of trees, interactive (walk-through) fountain, landform play area, model boat pond, and open space for concerts or picnics. The east side contains the Center for Wooden Boats shops on land and their water-based operations (boat rental, sailing lessons, etc.) in Waterway 4. The plan for the park is estimated to cost considerably more than the ProParks money set aside. The Seattle Parks Foundation has committed to raising the necessary construction funds. Design will be complete and ready for bid in 2005.

Susanne Friedman

**Target Completion** 2005/3

**Estimated Cost** 5,000,000.00(O)

**Status** In-Progress

**Lead Agency/Contact** Parks and Recreation; Colleen Browne, 684-4155

**Priority** Top

**Implementor** Transportation  
**Matrix** T 03

**Activity** *Develop a set of integrated improvements for the whole corridor with little or no right of way impacts and only positively perceived or mitigatable impacts on the neighborhood.*

T 03: 1 of 2 **Sub-Activity** Complete environmental review and design for the Mercer/Valley corridor (I-5 to Dexter Avenue). The environmental review and design from Dexter to Fifth, originally included in this Sub-Activity, has been added as a separate Sub-Activity because it is a separate project with other implications.

**Sub-Act** The Seattle Dept. of Transportation (SDOT) will complete the environmental review for Two-Way Mercer and  
**Comment(s)** Narrow Valley in 2006. The design phase will begin in 2006 and is projected to be complete by the end of 2007. More detailed information follows.

Jason Wachs  
11/02/05

In November, the City Council released funds to complete the Environmental Review of the Mercer Corridor Project and recommended the Two-way Mercer and Narrow Valley Alternative for study. SDOT is completing a federal Environmental Assessment (EA) and will adopt it as a state Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or issue a Determination of Non-significance if appropriate. There will be a comprehensive public involvement process, including quarterly check-ins with City Council during the process. To learn more about the federal and state requirements guiding environmental documentation and how the Mercer Corridor Project relates please read the Mercer Environmental Review Summary at

## Two-way Mercer is a Significant Transportation Improvement

A two-way Mercer and narrow Valley Street will:

- Create a gateway to this part of the city and simplify the route into and through the area;
- Improve travel time from I-5 to Queen Anne;
- Remove barriers, such as turn restrictions, and make it easier to get around by car, truck, foot, or bike;
- Support transit use through convenient pedestrian access and a street network that allows east-west transit service;
- Connect bicyclists from Eastlake to Dexter with new lanes on Valley and Roy streets;
- Create a quiet, pedestrian-friendly Valley Street to connect the neighborhood to South Lake Union Park.

The Environmental Assessment will be completed and ready for public review early in 2006.

A perspective of the Two-way Mercer boulevard approaching from I-5 and traveling west to Ninth Avenue:

Rather than being forced to turn right onto Fairview at the end of the exit ramp, traffic entering South Lake Union and traveling on to other neighborhoods will be able to continue forward onto the two-way Mercer boulevard. Mercer has three travel lanes in each direction, a wide median with left-turn pockets, parking, and wider sidewalks. Traffic signals would allow pedestrians to cross at most intersections, including Fairview, Terry, Westlake and Ninth Avenues.

A perspective of Valley Street, starting from I-5, up Fairview Avenue, and then toward the west on Valley Street:

The Two-way Mercer boulevard will greatly reduce volumes on Valley Street and allow us to create a narrow, pedestrian and bike-friendly street along the edge of South Lake Union Park. Valley would have one lane in each direction, bike lanes and parking on the south side. The north side of the street would be integrated into the plans for the redeveloped Park.

For more information on this project visit the Seattle Department of Transportation's (SDOT) website at [http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/ppmp\\_mercer.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/ppmp_mercer.htm)

2004 Priority Summary: The Seattle Dept. of Transportation (SDOT) is currently Working on South Lake Union Transportation Plan and Mercer Corridor Study. The Mayor has proposed a new plan for the Mercer Corridor.

Dena Gazin  
09/13/04

Divided Sub-Activity into two separate projects, one for preliminary engineering and the other for construction. The original sub-activity (Design and complete...) was selected as a priority for 2004. Chose the more realistic Sub-Activity to be the new priority.

Dena Gazin  
04/06/04

<b>Target Completion</b>	2007/4	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	N/A	<b>Status</b>	In-Progress
<b>Lead Agency/Contact</b>	Transportation; Eric Tweit, 684-8834			<b>Priority</b>	Second
<b>Sub-Activity</b>	Complete environmental review and design for the Mercer Corridor (Dexter Avenue to Fifth Avenue). The environmental review				

and design from I-5 to Dexter is part of another Sub-Activity. The original Sub-Activity prioritized in 2004 by the neighborhood included environmental review and design for the entire length of the corridor from I-5 to 5th, but it was split up into separate Sub-Activities because they are separate projects with different implications.

**Sub-Act Comment(s)** Mercer Corridor improvements between Dexter and Fifth Avenues are part of the preferred alternative for the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Project. Seattle Dept. of Transportation (SDOT) and the Washington State Dept. of Transportation (WSDOT) Engineers are completing environmental review and preliminary engineering for the project. Expected completion of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is in 2006. Jason Wachs 11/02/05

**Target Completion** 2007/0 **Estimated Cost** \$100,000,000(O) **Status** In-Progress  
**Lead Agency/Contact** Transportation; Steve Pearce, 684-8371 **Priority** Second

**Implementor Matrix Activity** **Housing NC 05**

*Overall: Encourage the adoption of housing design that would complement the industrial uses. Discourage alley vacations. Provide incentives for infill development. Encourage new commercial development that supports the existing neighborhood.*

NC 05: 1 of 1 **Sub-Activity** Establish housing integration strategy for South Lake Union.

**Sub-Act Comment(s)** 2004 Priority Summary: The specific activities mentioned all relate to zoning. Housing (OH) is in lead on development of a detailed housing strategy, which is nearing completion. Community meetings to review housing concepts were held in March and April of 2004. Goal is to assure continuance of the mixed-use nature of the community and its historic emphasis on commercial and industrial uses. Dena Gazin 09/13/04

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Goal is to assure continuance of the mixed-use nature of the community and its historic emphasis on commercial and industrial uses. [R.J. Grossman, SLUFAN Stewardship group] Dena Gazin 02/09/04

**Target Completion** **Estimated Cost** N/A **Status** In-Progress  
**Lead Agency/Contact** Housing; Rick Hooper, 684-0338 **Priority** Third

**Implementor Matrix Activity** **Parks and Recreation**

**POS 22**  
*Implement the Cascade Playground Master Plan.*

POS 22: 1 of 1 **Sub-Activity** Use Pro Parks funding to develop Eco-Center in Cascade Park.

**Sub-Act Comment(s)** Updated June 2005, but no additional comments were added. Jason Wachs 08/16/05

2004 Priority Summary: The Cascade People's Center is under renovation using sustainable technology. The eco-renovation will retain the building's current function as a community space while developing the building into an educational environment on urban sustainability. The building will demonstrate renewable technologies such as passive solar heating, photovoltaic panels, the harvest and re-use of rainwater, and grey water Dena Gazin 11/01/04

reclamation through biological filtration. Some Construction has started and will continue as funding becomes available. The Cascade People's Center has applied for Pro Parks funding. As of November, 2004, the park is nearly complete, but the Eco-Center is still in progress.

The Cascade People's Center will be developed as a community gathering space. The renovation will use sustainable technology with a goal of reaching a platinum LEEDS rating. Construction documents are in preparation and the Community has begun fundraising. Construction is expected to start in 2006.

Susanne Friedman

<b>Target Completion</b>	2006/0	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	N/A	<b>Status</b>	In-Progress
<b>Lead Agency/Contact</b>	Parks and Recreation; Andy Sheffer, Pam Kliment, 684-7041, 684-7556			<b>Priority</b>	Fourth